

LORD TRENCHARD FUNERAL

At the Air Ministry lay in state the great man who earned the title, Father of the Royal Airforce, Lord Trenchard died, full of years, after a truly satisfying life, at the age of 83.

To escort the coffin from the Air Ministry to Westminster Abbey came Marshal of the R.A.F. Lord Tedder, Field Marshal Lord Alexander, Admiral of the Fleet Sir Phillip Vian and Marshal of the R.A.F. Lord Portal. ~~Lord Trenchard was 40 and a regular soldier when he learned to fly and joined the small band of enthusiasts which eventually grew into the Royal Airforce.~~ That Britain survived the second world war we largely owe to the vision and forceful character of Lord Trenchard.